

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Medina, Harriman, and Nesbitt present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Community Development Director Westbay, Finance Director Hanson, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, Fire Marshal Spritzer, Judge McDonald, Court Clerk Seidel, several interested citizens and the press. Councilor Miller was absent.

Mayor Ferguson stated Councilor Miller was absent due to his attending a CML meeting in Denver.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to excuse Councilor Miller for this evening's Regular Session due to his attendance at a CML meeting in Denver.

Roll call vote, yes: Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Nesbitt. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Consent Agenda:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2006.

Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Letter of Support for Grant Request for Gunnison County Rodeo Grounds Grandstand Reconstruction Project and Approve Waiver of City Building Permit Fees for Said Project.

Approve and Authorize Police Chief to Sign West Region Memorandum of Understanding for Communications.

Approve Brookside Drive Waterline Dedication to City of Gunnison.

Mayor Ferguson explained the consent agenda is designed to expedite the handling of limited routine matters and on items already discussed by Council. The Mayor read the agenda items into the record and asked if any citizen or Councilor wanted to have any item removed from the consent agenda to be acted upon separately. There was no request. City Clerk Davidson informed Council that agenda item C. should also include authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding as well as the Police Chief. Council so noted the amendment.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Nesbitt, Medina. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Judge Jim McDonald – 2005 Gunnison Municipal Court Report. Judge McDonald and Court Clerk Seidel came forward. Judge McDonald thanked Council and City staff and discussed the following:

- Existing deferred sentencing program;
- Changes and challenges due to increased Spanish speaking Court clients;
- Future budget needs for translators;
- The SafeRide Program and supporting surcharge;
- Participation in GVLP, Community Policing Academy; and
- Decrease in overall numbers in 2005 Court cases over previous years.

Council thanked Judge McDonald.

WSC Athletic Director Greg Waggoner – Certificate of Appreciation for City. Mr. Waggoner presented City Council a picture and a commemorative plaque thanking the City for its participation in the Western State College Community Track Renovation Project. The City was instrumental in the excavation portion of the project. Mr. Waggoner thanked particularly Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro for his assistance in writing the successful \$200,000 GOCO Grant for the project. Mr. Waggoner informed Council Gunnison High School will be hosting a track meet this spring and the RMAC track championships will be held at the WSC track this spring. Council thanked Mr. Waggoner.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign 2006 Budgeted Contracts for Service and Continuing Challenge Grants.

Contracts for Service:

Safe Ride in the Amount of \$3,000

Gunnison Council for the Arts in the Amount of \$17,500

Gunnison Animal Welfare League Spay/Neuter Service in the Amount of \$1,000

Gunnison Literacy Action Program in the Amount of \$1,500

Gunnison Pioneer Museum in the Amount of \$5,000

Gunnison Water Workshop in the Amount of \$1,500

Jubilee House in the Amount of \$1,334

Six Points Evaluation & Training in the Amount of \$3,000

Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce in the Amount of \$17,500

WSC Recruiting Program in the Amount of \$10,000

Arts Council for Community Arts Impact Survey in the Amount of \$500

Mayor Ferguson read the Contracts for Service with the corresponding dollar amounts into the record.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the budgeted Contracts for Service, in a total amount of \$61,834 and authorize the Mayor to Sign said Contracts.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Continuing Challenge Grants:

Cattlemen's Days in the Amount of \$7,500

WSC Archaeological Dig in the Amount of \$2,500

Fourth of July Balloon Rally in the Amount of \$325

Gunnison Car Show in the Amount of \$500

Monarch Search & Research Fishing Tournament in the Amount of \$1,000

Gunnison Kiwanis Fishing Tournament in the Amount of \$1,000

Gunnison Rotary Fireworks in the Amount of \$6,000

Western Heritage Days Chuckwagon Cook-off in the Amount of \$3,000

Mayor Ferguson read the Continuing Challenge Grants with the corresponding dollar amounts into the record.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to approve the budgeted Continuing Challenge Grants, in a total amount of \$21,825 and authorize the Mayor to Sign said Grants.

Discussion ensued about the Western Heritage Days Chuckwagon Cook-off Grant and it's placement in the Continuing Challenge Grant category. Finance Director Hanson and City Clerk Davidson confirmed this was based on the outcome of the budget discussions.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2, Series 2006; Re: Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Standard for Incident Management by the City.

Councilor Nesbitt introduced Resolution No. 2, Series 2006, and it was read by title only by the Mayor.

Mayor Ferguson stated the City already complies with and trains on this type of incident management system and the Fire Department is in agreement with the resolution.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion that Resolution No. 2, Series 2006, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE STANDARD FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT BY THE CITY OF GUNNISON**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 14th day of February, 2006.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr: Nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman: Informed Council: he attended the Chamber after Hours event sponsored by the Tourism Association where they talked about the new “We’re Glad You’re Here” campaign; he attended the reception for departing Arts Center Director Ashley King; he participated in, along with Officer Whiting, Police Chief Anderson, and Finance Director Hanson, the Gunnison High School Career Fair; he held the first Breakfast with Employees last week and it was a successful program; he will be attending the CML Legislative Workshop tomorrow in Denver; there will be a structure change in Region 10 and Director Leslie Jones’ last day will be on February 24th; and County Commissioner Hap Channell has requested a meeting with the City, the Masons and the Community Church, next Wednesday, February 22nd, at 8AM to discuss detention facility parking issues.

Acting City Manager: Community Development Director Steve Westbay. Informed Council he attended the RTA Ground Transportation Task Force meeting two weeks ago. They anticipate meeting for the next six months to discuss ground transportation issues between Gunnison and the north end of the valley. He will report on the S. Boulevard house mitigation and the results of the request for proposals that went out for the clean up of the property.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson: Updated Council on the on-going computer conversion at the City and asked if their constituents have questions or can’t access information to please have them call the Clerk’s office.

Non-Scheduled Citizens:

Gunnison resident Butch Clark came forward and discussed the following: he feels the municipal court annual report is valuable information for the detention facility planning committee; he informed Council there was a major sewage spill at the Mt. Crested Butte wastewater facility after Christmas and urges the City to monitor the City’s aquifer for e-coli contamination; the Center of the American West has some good economic studies information that is valuable in community design/master planning; and Gunnison was mentioned in a Denver Post article regarding a \$60 lunch charged to Homeland Security funding. Discussion ensued on the sewage spill and City Manager Coleman stated he will follow up with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and the City’s Water Department.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Mayor Ferguson: Report on February 2nd Mayors’/Managers’ Meeting. The meeting was hosted by CBMR at the Paradise Warming House. The School District is talking about a potential change in starting time for students and is interviewing two candidates for the superintendent’s vacancy. Randy Phelps has been named the new Director at the Gunnison Valley Hospital. CBMR reports good skier days with over 200 inches of snow this year. There’s lots of construction in Mt. Crested Butte with the Mountaineer Square development a little behind schedule. The Gothic Building will be demolished next construction season. The US Forest Service will be decommissioning several campgrounds in the area.

Mayor Ferguson and Councilor Medina: Report on February 10th RTA Meeting and February 9th Governmental Entities Economic Development Meeting. Councilor Medina informed Council that industry-wide jet seat bookings are down. There are a number of factors including changes in spring break schedules and the date of the Easter weekend this year. The RTA is also working on ground transportation, specifically, between Gunnison and Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte.

Mayor Ferguson and Councilor Medina updated Council on the economic development meeting held last Thursday. There were no representatives from Crested Butte present at that meeting. They felt there were good outcomes and they discussed issues common to all of the entities. Some areas of common focus include ground transportation, tourism, WSC viability, housing and good county-wide telecommunications. The next meeting will be in early March in Mt. Crested Butte.

Councilor Harriman: Report on County Detention Facility Meeting. Councilor Harriman informed Council potential detention facility sites were discussed. Ellen told the committee that parking is an issue and needs to be addressed. The committee was presented with a new design for the existing site. The new facility essentially wraps around the existing jail. The next meeting will be on February 22nd and the architect will be present to discuss costs and design details.

Council Harriman reported on the Gunnison Housing Authority meeting. They discussed concerns with the County LUR Housing Amendment. They came up with a list of issues that need to be changed before adoption. The County Commissioners will hold a retreat with the Gunnison Housing Authority on February 27th to discuss these concerns. There will be a public hearing sometime in March to receive input. Councilor Harriman also reported the Planning & Zoning Commission is working on the Master Plan and will be discussing the economic development and community character sections of the plan tomorrow evening. They are also looking at a request for an alley vacation on South 6th Street in the Guerrieri Addition. She also passed around a Denver Post article on redevelopment and using public dollars to fund infrastructure.

Councilor Nesbitt: Asked City Manager Coleman if he will be attending the Saturday meeting with Senator Lewis Entz. He'd like for the City to give him input on the proposed biodiesel bill. He then reported Region 10 will be re-structuring, with Director Leslie Jones retiring and two staff positions being eliminated. Tim Sarmo will be leaving DOLA to become the City Manager of Palisades. The School District is looking at changing times the students would start and end classes. This might have a negative impact on City employees. Councilor Harriman stated they are still discussing the issue and a decision will not be made until March. Councilor Nesbitt asked if Council could get an update on Tabor and it's implications. There are court cases dealing with fees vs taxes. Finance Director Hanson and City Manager Coleman stated they would get some information together. Lastly, Councilor Nesbitt told Council about the Tourism Association's (TA) new "We're Glad You're Here" campaign. It won a state award for the concept. Also at the TA, their website hits are up 107%, they conducted an airport passenger survey that revealed some problems at the facility, and the TA's Gunnison/Crested Butte wedding guides have been very successful with over 2000 inquiries being received.

Executive Session:

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators with respect to the possible acquisition of an interest in real property pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(a) and (e). No action will be taken during the Executive Session and no formal action is anticipated to occur in the Regular Session following the Executive Session.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Nesbitt, Medina. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:33 P.M.

Council returned to the Regular Session Meeting at 9:05 P.M. Mayor Ferguson stated who was in attendance at the Executive Session and asked if anyone present during that Session wanted to state for the record that any topic, other than the one listed in the motion to go into Executive Session, was discussed at the meeting. No one had comment.

Adjournment: At 9:07 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk